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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: DOD Estimate Request

1. The attached list of questions was handed to me by Dick Steadman (one of Paul Warnke's deputies) at the 29 February non-group meeting. Steadman says this is an official request from Warnke and Nitze. DOD would like, if possible by noon tomorrow (Friday), a CIA paper addressing these questions.
2. The questions are in some sense what we anticipated. In their present form, however, they are obviously diffuse and hard to get a handle on.
3. I am concurrently sending copies of this memorandum to Ed Proctor and Abbot Smith and suggest that Abbot and the Board of National Estimates be the ones who provide whatever response you deem it wise for the Agency to make. Some of this material is covered in the paper on enemy intentions already being written. The questions relating to enemy reactions to specific U.S. courses of action are not covered in the paper now being written.

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Attachment
List of questions

cc: ADDI

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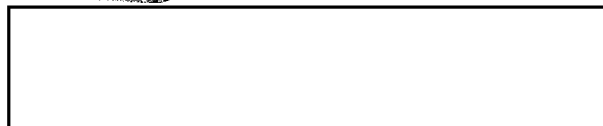
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INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS

- I. What is the likely course of events in SVN over the next ten months? What will ARVN and the GVN be capable of doing? ~~the attached estimate an accurate one?~~ *Yes*
- II. What is the likely enemy strategy over the next ten months if
 - (1) MACV continues to pursue its current strategy with no increase of forces, or increases of 50,000, 100,000, or 20,000
 - (2) MACV alters his strategy to emphasize population control with no increase of forces, or increases of 50,000, 100,000, or 200,000?
- III. What would the response of Hanoi, Peking, Moscow, other key countries be to a U.S. troop increase of 200,000?
- IV. Assuming that we halt the bombing and talks with Hanoi begin, what terms for an end to hostilities will Hanoi be prepared to accept? What would happen to the GVN during such negotiations?

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